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FOR CONVERTING DATA IN  
SERIAL FORMAT TO PARALLEL  
FORMAT AND VICE VERSA

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Sir:

The following Amendments and Remarks are made in response to the Office Action  
mailed November 5, 2003. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the  
following Amendment and Remarks are respectfully requested. Please amend the application as  
follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 9 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including annotated sheets showing changes in the amended drawing figures is  
attached following page 12 of this paper.